

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/549,437
Confirmation No.: 5576
First-Named Inventor: Thomas A. Osborne
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Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Suzette J. Gherbi
Attorney Docket No.: 3006-1772
Title: VASCULAR VALVE WITH REMOVABLE SUPPORT
COMPONENT

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION ACCEPTING SUBJECT
MATTER INDICATED AS ALLOWABLE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.